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¶1. As noted in reftel, the Government of Kazakhstan is correct: the original 1994 agreement did terminate in 1999, but similar cooperation has continued through two subsequent agreements between the USNRC and Kazakhstan's Atomic Energy Committee of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources. The current agreement was signed on September 22, 2004. The embassy may wish to respond along the lines of the following:

"The Embassy of the United States of America refers to the note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated March 1, 2006, concerning the status of the Arrangement Between the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) and the Atomic Energy Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the Exchange of Technical Information and Cooperation in Nuclear Safety Matters, signed at Washington on February 14, 1994. The Embassy confirms that the aforesaid agreement, in accordance with the terms of Article IV, paragraph 1, terminated on February 14, 1999, but notes that similar cooperation continues between USNRC and the Atomic Energy Committee of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan pursuant to their agreement signed at Vienna on September 22, 2004."

¶2. Please note that in English "Safety" rather than "Security" is used to describe these agreements.
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